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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME

REF: FAO LETTER PR 7/10 AND ROME 1200L

1. IN CONSIDERING SUGGESTION OF ATTRIBUTION TO FAO, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE DETAILS CONCERNING HOW UK, DUTCH AND ANY OTHERS HANDLE THEIR BILATERAL DONATIONS THROUGH IFS. ARE THESE ON GRANT OR CONCESSIONAL BASIS?

IS IT MERELY COUNTING PROCEDURE OR DOES IFS BECOME OPERATIONALLY INVOLVED?

2. U.S. ESTIMATES SENT COMMERCIALY (STATE 194931) AND WITHOUT INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCES ARE ACCURATE TO EXTENT PLANNING FIGURES CAN BE, BUT NEVERTHELESS ARE ONLY BEST ESTIMATES. FINAL AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVE LOANS WHICH IN MOST CASES MAY BE USED FOR OTHER

PURPOSES. POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS WILL DETERMINE ACTUAL AMOUNT USED FOR FERTILIZER, AS AGAINST OTHER USES, UNDER THEIR OWN PRIORITIES. FAO SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT U.S. BILATERAL FERTILIZER PROGRAM FOR MSAS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDED FOR COMING YEAR.

3. U.S. CONTINUES REGARD IFS AS TEMPORARY PROGRAM AND WOULD HESITATE TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT INDICATE DIFFERENT VIEW. HAVE SOME CONCERN PROPOSED ATTRIBUTION WOULD DO JUST THAT BUT WILLING STUDY MATTER. CLEAR VIEWS OF DG RE FUTURE IFS MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL. INGERSOLL

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